

# Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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**Post-Travel Filing Instructions:** Complete this form within 30 days of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the **Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.**

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☒ The **original** *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), **AND**  
☒ A **copy** of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Kimberly Brandt

Travel date(s): May 27 to June 3

Name of accompanying family member (if any): n/a

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING DID NOT INCREASE DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

## Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	\$2,580.51	985.07	395.65	None
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

## Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	None	None	None	None
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.):

Attended various meeting with leading policy experts on US-Asia relations and high-level government, civil society and private sector leaders

6/22/17  
(Date)

KIMBERLY BRANDT

(Printed name of traveler)

Kimberly Brandt  
(Signature of traveler)

## TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

(Date)

(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

## EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Date/Time Stamp:

**Pre-Travel Filing Instructions:** Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220**. Incomplete and late travel submissions will **not** be considered or approved. This form **must** be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at [ethics.senate.gov](http://ethics.senate.gov). Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

Name of Traveler: Kimberly Lynn Brandt

Employing Office/Committee: Senate Finance Committee

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Japan Center for International Exchange

Travel date(s): May 27 - June 3, 2017  
Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.

Destination(s): Tokyo & Hiroshima Japan

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

As Chief oversight counsel for the Finance Committee, I deal with many trade issues. This trip will help me understand those issues related to Japan.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): N/A

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:

4/26/17  
(Date)

Kimberly Brandt  
(Signature of Employee)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

I, Senator Orrin G Hatch hereby authorize Kimberly Brandt  
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box) ☐

4-27-17  
(Date)

Orrin Hatch  
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

# United States Senate

## SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

May 15, 2017

Kimberly Lynn Brandt  
Committee on Finance  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Ms. Brandt:

This responds to your recent correspondence concerning an invitation you received to travel to the 2017 U.S. Congressional Staff Exchange Program, in Tokyo and Hiroshima, Japan, on May 27 to June 3, 2017, sponsored by the Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE). JCIE certified to the Select Committee on Ethics (the Committee) that it will pay the *necessary expenses*<sup>1</sup> related to the travel and that it is neither a lobbyist, nor lobbying firm, nor agent of a foreign principal, and it is not otherwise acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government. JCIE has also certified that it does not retain or employ a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, and that no registered lobbyist will accompany you at *any point throughout your trip*.<sup>2</sup>

Based on information and materials available to the Committee, and assuming the **actual** travel and travel-related expenses conform to the information and materials you provided, it appears that the proposed payment or reimbursement of necessary expenses for this trip **may be accepted** under relevant Senate Rules and the Committee's *Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel*, so long as at the time of the payment or reimbursement, JCIE is neither a registered lobbyist nor lobbying firm under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, nor an agent of a foreign principal under the Foreign Agents Registration Act (and is not otherwise acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government), and provided the travel and all required documents are disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rules 34 and 35.

Senate Rule 35, Senate staff must receive advance authorization signed by the Member or officer under whose direct supervision the individual works in order to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary expenses related to fact-finding travel. Further, such authorization and expenses must be disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate by filing the completed *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* and the *Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses* (Form RE-1 and Form RE-2), along with a copy of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form*, and

<sup>1</sup> The term "necessary expenses" has a specific definition. See *Select Committee on Ethics' Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel – Glossary of Terms* at 8.

<sup>2</sup> The term "any point throughout your trip" has a specific definition. See *Select Committee on Ethics' Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel – Glossary of Terms* at 2.

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all relevant attachments (e.g., the private sponsor's invitation and itinerary) **within 30 days of the conclusion of Privately-Sponsored Travel.**

The Committee has determined that § 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations that are classified as private foundations, as opposed to public charities, may not pay for transportation from the United States to a foreign country.<sup>3</sup> However, JCIE represented to the Committee that it is a § 501(c)(3) public charity, as opposed to a private foundation, pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.<sup>4</sup>

Please be advised that the United States Constitution prohibits the acceptance of any gift, including a meal, from a foreign government without the consent of Congress. In the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), Congress consented to the acceptance by federal government officials of: (1) gifts of minimal value and (2) travel or the expenses for travel taking place entirely outside the United States, from a foreign government (which includes those acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government).<sup>5</sup> The Senate has defined minimal value as \$100 or less. Further, pursuant to FGDA, there are certain reporting and procedural requirements that are imposed upon Members, officers, and employees who accept gifts from a foreign government. Please review the Committee's "Dear Colleague" letter of January 9, 2015 setting forth the items to be included in filing that report.

Finally, Senate Rule 34 requires a reporting individual,<sup>6</sup> on his or her Financial Disclosure Report, to make an annual disclosure of the receipt of payments or reimbursements under Senate Rule 35 from a private sponsor for officially-related travel expenses where, in the aggregate, travel expenses exceed \$390 from that sponsor during a calendar year. However, if a Member, officer, or employee properly reports the receipt of necessary expenses for such travel to the Secretary of the Senate within 30 days of the travel, as discussed above, the travel expenses need not be disclosed a second time on their Financial Disclosure Report.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee.

Sincerely,



Deborah Sue Mayer  
Chief Counsel and Staff Director

Enclosure: Travel Checklist

<sup>3</sup> See 26 U.S.C. § 4941 et seq. Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code broadly defines non-profit, charitable, tax-exempt organizations. These § 501(c)(3) organizations are then further defined or designated as "public charities" and "private foundations."

<sup>4</sup> 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3).

<sup>5</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 7342.

<sup>6</sup> A reporting individual is someone whose salary equals or exceeds 120% of the basic rate of pay for GS-15 (\$124,406 for CY 2017) or is a political fund designee and is required to file Financial Disclosure Reports.

# United States Senate

## SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

### Employee Privately-Sponsored Travel Checklist

Employees must submit their completed Pre-Travel Authorization Package to the Select Committee on Ethics (the Committee) at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date. Incomplete Pre-Travel Authorization Packages and Packages submitted later than 30 days prior to the travel departure date will not be considered or approved. All of the forms and materials listed below are available as fillable PDFs on the Committee's website at <http://www.ethics.senate.gov>.

#### Pre-Travel Authorization

##### Prior to Submitting a Pre-Travel Authorization Package to the Committee

- ☐ Review Senate Rules and the Committee's Privately-Sponsored Travel Guidelines on the Committee's website.
  - ☐ Ensure your supervising Senator or Officer (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain) has determined the expenses for the trip are necessary and reasonable.
  - ☐ Ensure your supervising Senator or Officer has certified the proposed travel is connected to your official duties and will not create any appearance of a public office being used for private gain.

##### At Least 30 Days Prior to Travel: Submit Completed Pre-Travel Authorization Package . *File with the Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220*

- ☐ Complete Employee Pre-Travel Authorization Form (Form RE-1)
  - ☐ Ensure this form is typed and that all of the fields are completed.
  - ☐ Ensure your supervising Senator or Officer has signed this form.
  - ☐ Personally sign this form.
- ☐ Ensure Pre-Travel Authorization Package is complete. A complete Package includes:
  - ☐ Form RE-1
  - ☐ Private sponsor invitation (the formal invitation, letter or e-mail you received from the private sponsor).
  - ☐ Completed and signed Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form (4 page form that includes detailed information about the trip).
  - ☐ All attachments to the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form
    - ☐ Complete and final itinerary
    - ☐ List of Senate invitees
    - ☐ Any other necessary attachments
- ☐ Retain a copy of your complete Pre-Travel Authorization Package for inclusion in your required post-travel disclosure.

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Prior to Traveling: Receive a Letter of Approval from the Committee

- ☐ Obtain a letter from the Committee. You may only accept the trip after receiving a letter from the Committee specifically authorizing your participation in the privately-sponsored travel.

Post-Travel Disclosure

Within 30 Days of Conclusion of Privately-Sponsored Travel: Submit Completed Post-Travel Disclosure Package

*File with the Office of Public Records in SH-232*

- ☐ Ensure submission of Post-Travel Disclosure Package is timely.
  - ☐ Post-Travel Disclosure Packages must be submitted to the Office of Public Records within 30 days of completion of Privately-Sponsored Travel. Trip extensions for any purpose do not extend this deadline.
- ☐ Complete Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Expenses Form (Form RE-2)
  - ☐ Ensure this form is typed and that all of the fields are completed.
  - ☐ Ensure your supervising Senator or Officer has signed the form after determining the actual trip expenses were necessary under Senate Rules and the Committee's Privately-Sponsored Travel Guidelines.
  - ☐ Personally sign this form.
- ☐ Ensure Post-Travel Disclosure Package is complete. A complete Package includes:
  - ☐ Form RE-1
  - ☐ Form RE-2
  - ☐ Private sponsor invitation (the formal invitation, letter or e-mail you received from the private sponsor).
  - ☐ Completed and signed Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form (verify with the private sponsor that you have the correct and final version of the form).
  - ☐ All attachments to the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form
    - ☐ Complete and final itinerary
    - ☐ List of Senate invitees
    - ☐ Any other necessary attachments

Please contact the Committee if you have any questions.

Phone: (202)-224-2981

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Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE)

## US Congressional Staff Exchange Program

26th Delegation to Japan

May 27–June 3, 2017

### SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, May 27

12:20 Depart Washington Dulles International Airport [ANA 1]

#### Sunday, May 28

15:25 Arrive at Narita Airport, clear customs

16:15-17:45 Travel by minibus to Tokyo; check-in at Hotel New Otani

19:00- 20:30 **Orientation dinner** [Aux Bacchanales]

Hideko Katsumata, Executive Director & COO, Japan Center for International Exchange

Hifumi Tajima, Chief Program Officer, Japan Center for International Exchange

Dai Funaki, Program Officer, Japan Center for International Exchange

James Gannon, Executive Director, JCIE/USA

*Briefing on the program agenda, key trends in Japanese politics and US-Japan relations that are likely to be raised during the program, and expectations for participants*

#### Monday, May 29

8:30-8:55 Travel via taxi from hotel to JCIE office

9:00-9:30 **Overview of JCIE** [JCIE office]

Akio Okawara, President, Japan Center for International Exchange

*Welcome and brief background of JCIE and its programs in the context of US-Japan relations*

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- 9:30–10:30      **“Trends in Japanese Politics”**      [JCIE]  
                  Toshiaki Miura, Editorial Writer, Asahi Shimbun  
*Roundtable briefing on the Japanese political system, important trends in Japanese politics, and headline issues in contemporary Japanese politics by one of the country’s top political analysts*
- 10:30-10:45      Break
- 10:45–12:00      **“Japan’s Foreign Policy Approaches to the US and Asia”**      [JCIE]  
                  Hitoshi Tanaka, Senior Fellow, JCIE; Chairman, Institute for International Strategy (IIS), Japan Research Institute, Ltd; Former Deputy Foreign Minister of Japan  
*Roundtable discussion with one of Japan’s leading foreign policy strategists on Japan’s foreign policy priorities as well as on his personal experiences secretly negotiating a potential Japanese rapprochement with Pyongyang and what is needed now in dealing with North Korea*
- 12:00–13:30      **“Dealing with North Korea: Japan’s Security Policy”**      [JCIE]  
                  Lt. Gen. (ret.) Koichiro Bansho, Former Commanding General, Western Army, Japan Ground Self-Defense Force  
*Lunch roundtable on Japanese security policy and capabilities relevant for a contingency on the Korean Peninsula as well as other key issues in US-Japan defense relations*
- 13:30-14:00      Travel by minibus to Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)
- 14:00-15:00      **“Trade and US-Japan Economic Relations”**      [METI]  
                  Tetsuya Watanabe, Director-General, Multilateral Trade System Department, Trade Policy Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)  
*Roundtable briefing Japan’s regional trade strategy and trade issues in US-Japan relations*
- 15:00-15:20      Travel by minibus to Diet Members Office Building
- 15:20-16:30      **“US-Japan Trade and Economics: The View from the Diet”**  
                  [House of Councillors Members’ Office Building]  
                  Hon. Yoshimasa Hayashi, Member of House of Councillors (LDP); former Minister of Agriculture; former Minister of Defense



*Discussion with a leading Diet member from the ruling LDP (and a former Congressional staffer) who is an expert on trade about Japanese perspectives on US-Japan trade relations as well as regional trading arrangements such as the TPP and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)*

16:30-17:00 Travel by minibus to Roppongi Hills

17:00-18:00 **“US-Japan Monetary and Financial Policy”** [Goldman Sachs Japan]

Shigemitsu Sugisaki, Vice Chairman, Goldman Sachs Japan Co., Ltd,  
Tokyo; former Deputy Managing Director of the International  
Monetary Fund (IMF)

Yoichiro Sato, Government Affairs, Goldman Sachs Japan

*Roundtable briefing on the prospects for Abenomics and key issues in US-Japan economic relations.*

18:15 Return to the hotel by minibus

19:15 Meet in the Garden Tower lobby

19:30-21:00 Informal Group Dinner (Shibuya)

## **Tuesday, May 30**

7:50 Meet in Room Lapis, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Main Building, Hotel New Otani

8:00–9:15 **Breakfast Roundtable with Leaders in the Japanese Diet**  
[Room Lapis, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, The Main, Hotel New Otani]

Hon. Yukihisa Fujita, Member, House of Councilors (Democratic Party - DP)

Hon. Kenichi Hosoda, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; Member, House of Representatives (Liberal Democratic Party-LDP)

Hon. Hideki Makiyama, Member, House of Representatives (LDP)

Hon. Hiroe Makiyama, Member, House of Councilors (DP)

Hon. Keitaro Ohno, Member, House of Representatives (LDP)

Hon. Mitsunari Okamoto, Member, House of Representatives (Komeito)

Hon. Masahiko Shibayama, Special Advisor to the Prime Minister;  
Member, House of Representatives (LDP)

Hon. Keisuke Suzuki, Member, House of Representatives (LDP)

Hon. Yuichiro Tamaki, Member, House of Representatives (DP)

Hon. Kiyohiko Toyama, Member House of Representatives (Komeito)

*Panel discussion with Diet members on how Japanese legislators view US-Japan relations and what they feel the key priorities need to be*

9:15-10:00 Break

10:00-10:30 Travel by minibus to Diet Office Building

10:30-11:30 **“Empowering Women in Japanese Politics and Society”**  
[House of Representatives 1st Office Building]

Hon. Seiko Noda, Member of the House of Representatives (LDP);  
former Minister of Post and Telecommunications

Hon. Noriko Miyagawa, Member of the House of Representatives (LDP)

Hon. Michiyo Takagi, Member of the House of Representatives  
(Komeito)

*Discussion with senior and up-and-coming women legislators in the Japanese Diet about the challenges that women face in Japanese politics, how things have changed, and how the Japanese government is utilizing “womenomics” to make it easier for women to participate in Japan’s workforce*

11:30-12:00 Travel by minibus to Diet Office Building

12:00-13:30 **Luncheon Briefing by Ministry of Foreign Affairs –“Japanese Views of US-Japan Economic and Security Ties”**  
[Japanese Restaurant Kissho, Kioicho]

Keiichi Ono, Deputy Director-General, North American Affairs Bureau  
Yukako Ito, Deputy Director, First North America Division, North  
American Affairs Bureau

Yuki Kadono, First North American Division, North American Affairs  
Bureau, North American Affairs Bureau

Daisuke Roberto Kido, Principal Deputy Director, Second North  
America Division, North American Affairs Bureau

Yukiko Matsuda, Principal Deputy Director, North America Division,  
North American Affairs Bureau

*Luncheon discussion with top official from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs North American Bureau on Japanese perspectives on US-Japan trade, security relations, and other potential areas of bilateral cooperation*

13:30-14:15 Break

14:10-14:30 Travel by minibus to Diet Office Building

14:30-15:10

**“Opportunities and Challenges for the US-Japan Alliance”**

[House of Representatives 2nd Office Building]

Hon. Itsunori Onodera, Member, House of Representatives (LDP);  
former Minister of Defense

*Discussion with a senior Diet member from the ruling LDP who is a foreign policy specialist on US-Japan defense policy, security challenges to the US-Japan alliance from the DPRK and China, and what is needed to further strengthen US-Japan security cooperation*

15:40-16:10

Travel by minibus to JCIE office

16:30–18:00

**Roundtable on US-Asia Relations with Up-and-Coming Foreign Policy Specialists** [JCIE]

Ken Jimbo, Associate Professor, Keio University  
Yasuyo Sakata, Professor, Kanda University of International Studies  
Jun Osawa, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for International Policy Studies; Senior Fellow, National Security Secretariat of Japan  
Tomohiko Satake, Senior Research Fellow, National Institute for Defense Studies

*Panel discussion on regional relations in East Asia with mid-career experts on US-Japan relations, Korea-Japan relations, Australia-Japan relations, and cybersecurity*

18:00-18:30

Travel by minibus to Tameike

18:30-20:30

**“Japan’s Demographics, Immigration Policy, and Refugee Policy”**

[Chinese Restaurant Iwaen Tameike]

Eri Ishikawa, Chair of the Board, Japan Association for Refugees  
Toshihiro Menju, Chief Program Officer, JCIE

*Dinner discussion of Japan’s responses to aging and a declining population, as well as Japan’s evolving immigration policy*

**Wednesday, May 31**

9:40-10:15

Travel via minibus from hotel to US Embassy; go through security

10:15–11:15

**US Embassy Briefing on US-Japan Relations** [US Embassy]

Jason Hyland, Acting Charge d’Affaires and Deputy Chief of Mission  
Dave Averne, Commercial Attache  
Jessica Berlow, Second Secretary, Political-Military Affairs Unit



Daniel Rochman, Counselor, Economic and Science Affairs  
Drew Shufletowski, Deputy Director, Political Affairs  
Jonas Stewart, Press Attache

*Briefing on issues in US-Japan relations and US perspectives on US-Japan basing, security challenges such as the DPRK, trade, and other issues in US-Japan relations*

11:15-11:30 Travel via minibus from US Embassy to Keidanren Building

11:30-13:00 **“Japanese Business Perspectives on US-Japan Economic Relations”**  
[Room 403, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Keidanren Building]

Kei Kota, Manager, Government & External Relations Department,  
Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance Company  
Chika Mashiko, Assistant Manager, International Affairs Bureau,  
Keidanren (Japan Business Federation)  
Naoto Muraoka, General Manager, Honda Motor CO., Ltd.  
Katsunori Nemoto, Managing Director, Keidanren  
Mizuki Takura, Vice President, Group Strategy and Executive Office,  
Nomura Holdings Inc.  
Teruko Wada, Senior Manager, International Affairs Bureau, Keidanren  
Atsushi Yamakoshi, Executive Director, Keidanren US Office  
Ryota Yoshimura, Manager, EMEA & CIS and Americas Team, Deputy  
General Coordination Dept, Sumitomo Corporation

*Roundtable discussion with business executives from top Japanese companies on US-Japan trade relations, market access and non-tariff barriers, and investment in the United States*

13:00-13:15 Walk to next meeting

13:15-13:50 Break

13:50-15:00 **“China-Japan Relations in a Changing Asia”** [JA Conference Room 303]  
Akio Takahara, Professor of Contemporary Chinese Politics, Graduate  
School of Law and Politics, University of Tokyo

*Roundtable discussion with Japan's top China expert on Sino-Japanese relations, China's views of the United States, and China's calculations vis-à-vis North Korea.*

15:20-16:00 **Pre-seminar consultation** [JA Conference Room 303]  
Gerald Curtis, Burgess Professor Emeritus, Columbia University; Senior  
Fellow, JCIE

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16:00-17:30      **Public Seminar on US Politics and US-Japan Relations**  
[JA Conference Room 401]  
Moderator: Gerald Curtis, Burgess Professor Emeritus, Columbia  
University; Senior Fellow, JCIE

*Panel discussion with Congressional staffers as speakers on trends in US politics, the likely key issues on the Congressional agenda for the coming year, and how the US Congress views US-Asia relations, moderated by one of the top American experts on US-Japan relations. There will be 110 attendees, primarily foreign policy experts, government officials, Diet staff, business executives, and others.*

17:30-18:00      **Free Discussion with Seminar Attendees**

18:00-18:20      Taxi back to hotel

19:30              Informal dinner in Shinjuku area

#### **Thursday, June 1**

6:50-7:30          Minibus from Hotel New Otani to Haneda Airport

8:15-9:40          Flight from Haneda to Hiroshima Airport by ANA673

9:40-11:00        Travel by bus to Mitsui Garden Hotel Hiroshima

11:00-11:15       Check luggage at Mitsui Garden Hotel Hiroshima

11:15-11:40       Travel by bus from Mitsui Garden Hotel Hiroshima to Hiroshima City Hall

11:40-12:10       **Meeting with Hiroshima Mayor Kazumi Matsui**  
[Hiroshima City Hall]

Hon. Kazumi Matsui, Mayor of Hiroshima  
Hiroshi Tsumura, Director, International Peace Promotion Department,  
City of Hiroshima  
Yasco Suehiro, Director, Hiroshima Secretariat, Mayors for Peace

*Discussion with the Hiroshima Mayor on US-Japan relations and key issues at the local level to give a sense of how Japanese in Japan's 'heartland' view the United States and foreign relations*

12:10-12:30       Travel by bus to Mitsui Garden Hotel Hiroshima

12:30-14:15       **Nonproliferation Issues in East Asia Security**  
[Italian Restaurant Viale, 15 Floor, Sunroute Hiroshima Hotel]

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Yasuhito Fukui, Associate Professor, Hiroshima Peace Institute,  
Hiroshima City University; former Deputy Director General,  
International Peace Cooperation Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
of Japan

*Lunch discussion on the role of nonproliferation and arms control in  
Japanese foreign policy and Japan's relations with neighboring countries*

14:15-14:30 Walk to Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum

14:30-15:30 **Lecture and Guided Tour of Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum**

Shuichi Kato, Deputy Director, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum  
Yasuko Furuta, Chief, International Affairs Division, City of Hiroshima

*Guided tour of the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum to see artifacts from  
the bombing, to get explanations of the recovery process and the legacy of  
the bombing, and to have a briefing on WMD nonproliferation efforts that  
have been inspired by this experience*

15:30-16:00 **Wreath Laying & Guided Tour of the Atomic Bomb Dome**

Shuichi Kato, Deputy Director, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum

*We will lay a wreath at the cenotaph that memorializes the victims of the  
atomic bombing (including foreign residents and 12 US POWs). This is the  
site of President Obama's May 2016 speech on nuclear disarmament and  
reconciliation. Then, while explaining how the Hiroshima bombing has  
shaped Japanese thinking about history and US-Japan relations, the  
museum's deputy director will lead the participants through the memorial  
park to visit the A-bomb Dome that was at the epicenter of the blast.*

16:00-17:30 **Discussion with Hibakusha/Atomic Bomb Survivor**

Keiko Ogura, Representative, Hiroshima Interpreters for Peace

*Keiko Ogura, a peace activist who was 8 years old at the time of the  
bombing, will share her recollections of the bombing and how it has  
impacted her life, her family, and Japanese views of US-Japan relations.*

17:30-17:50 Walk back to hotel and check-in

19:00 Informal dinner

**Friday, June 2**

8:15-8:30 Walk to Motoyasubashi Pier



8:45-9:30 Travel from Motoyasubashi Pier by high speed ferry for Miyajima Island

9:30-10:00 Walk to Itsukushima Shrine entrance

10:00-11:30 **Briefing from head priest of Itsukushima Shrine/World Heritage/Site on cultural preservation in an era of internationalization**  
Michinori Fukuda, Priest, Itsukushima Shrine

*The 6<sup>th</sup> Century Shinto Shrine at Itsukushima is considered one of Japan's most sacred sites, and its stewards have had to try to cope with damage from natural disasters and, increasingly now, from climate change and a flood of overseas tourism. The head of the shrine will discuss how the community has balanced concerns about the security and sustainability of the fragile site, which is threatened by rising water levels and increasingly frequent disasters, with the imperatives of local economic revitalization and the impact of globalization.*

12:00-13:00 **Discussion on Globalization and the Local Economy with village leaders from Miyajima Chamber of Commerce**

*In our only visit to a rural area, we will have luncheon discussion with local leaders on how the economic dislocations and the influx of foreign visitors that has accompanied globalization has changed a traditional and tight-knit community, how the local economy has adapted, and the measures are being taken to ensure that local residents can have a secure economic future.*

13:10 -13:20 Travel from Miyajima Island to Hiroshima (Miyajimaguchi) by ferry

13:30-14:45 Travel by bus to Hiroshima Airport

15:35-17:00 Flight from Hiroshima to Haneda Airport on JL 260

17:00-18:00 Taxi from Haneda Airport to Hotel New Otani & check-in

19:00-21:30 **Wrap-up dinner and debriefing**

Akio Okawara, President, JCIE  
Hideko Katsumata, Executive Director & COO, JCIE  
Hifumi Tajima, Chief Program Officer, JCIE  
Dai Funaki, Program Officer, JCIE

*At a wrap-up dinner, we will reflect on the main opportunities and challenges for US-Japan relations that were raised during the program as*

*well as next steps for remaining informed about and engaged in US-Japan relations.*

**Saturday, June 3**

- 6:55                    Check out of Hotel New Otani
- 7:05-8:50            Travel via airport limousine bus to Narita Airport
- 11:00                 Depart Narita Airport at IAD [ANA 2]—arrive 10:40 am on Saturday



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## US Congressional Staff Exchange Program 26th Congressional Staff Delegation to Japan

MAY-JUNE 2017

FOR ONE WEEK, FROM MAY 28 TO JUNE 3, six senior Congressional staff took part in an intensive series of roundtables, briefings, and site visits in Japan as part of JCIE's US Congressional Staff Exchange Program. The group, evenly split between Republican and Democratic aides, met with more than 50 national leaders and policy experts in Tokyo to discuss bilateral security and economic relations, and several of their meetings had a special focus on US-Japan cooperation on the North Korean nuclear threat. They then moved to Hiroshima to gain an alternative perspective in a city where memories of the atomic bombing still linger.

They sat down with a total of 15 Diet members during the course of their visit—including the special advisor on security issues in Prime Minister Abe's Cabinet, Masahiko Shibayama; two former defense ministers; and some of the country's leading women legislators. They also talked with executives from some of Japan's top companies about trade and their investments in the United States and exchanged views with Hiroshima Mayor Kazumi Matsui. Both the participants and the Japanese leaders they met came away impressed by the degree to which the two societies' values and interests now are shared.



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Meeting Diet members Noriko Miyagawa, Seiko Noda, and Michiyo Takagi



Roundtable with 10 Diet members from all of the major political parties

### PARTICIPANTS

**Kimberly Lynn Brandt**, Chief Oversight Council,  
Senate Finance Committee (Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-UT)

**Monica McGuire**, Tax Policy Advisor, Senator Johnny  
Isakson (R-GA)

**Ian Nicholson**, Investigator, Senate Finance Committee  
(Sen. Ron Wyden, D-OR)

**Emily Patt**, Legislative Assistant, Senator Pat Roberts  
(R-KS)

**Jacqueline Usyk**, Legislative Director, Representative  
Tony Cardenas (D-CA)

**Josie Villanueva**, Legislative Assistant, Senator Tammy  
Duckworth (D-IL)



## SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

### Bilateral Coordination on North Korea

The delegation visit came as North Korea was accelerating the pace of its missile tests. The sense of concern in Tokyo about Pyongyang's weapons program was palpable, and a number of Diet members urged the United States to increase its pressure on China in order to get it to crack down more harshly on trade with North Korea. Some clearly were worried that the United States may eventually opt for a deal with Pyongyang that prevents it from developing nuclear-tipped intercontinental ballistic missiles that can reach the United States in return for tacitly accepting the development of warheads that could only travel shorter distances but still reach Japan, and one former defense minister, Itsunori Onodera, argued that even these intermediate-range missiles would in fact target the United States—specifically the US military bases in Japan—and not just Japanese population centers.

### Trade and Taxes

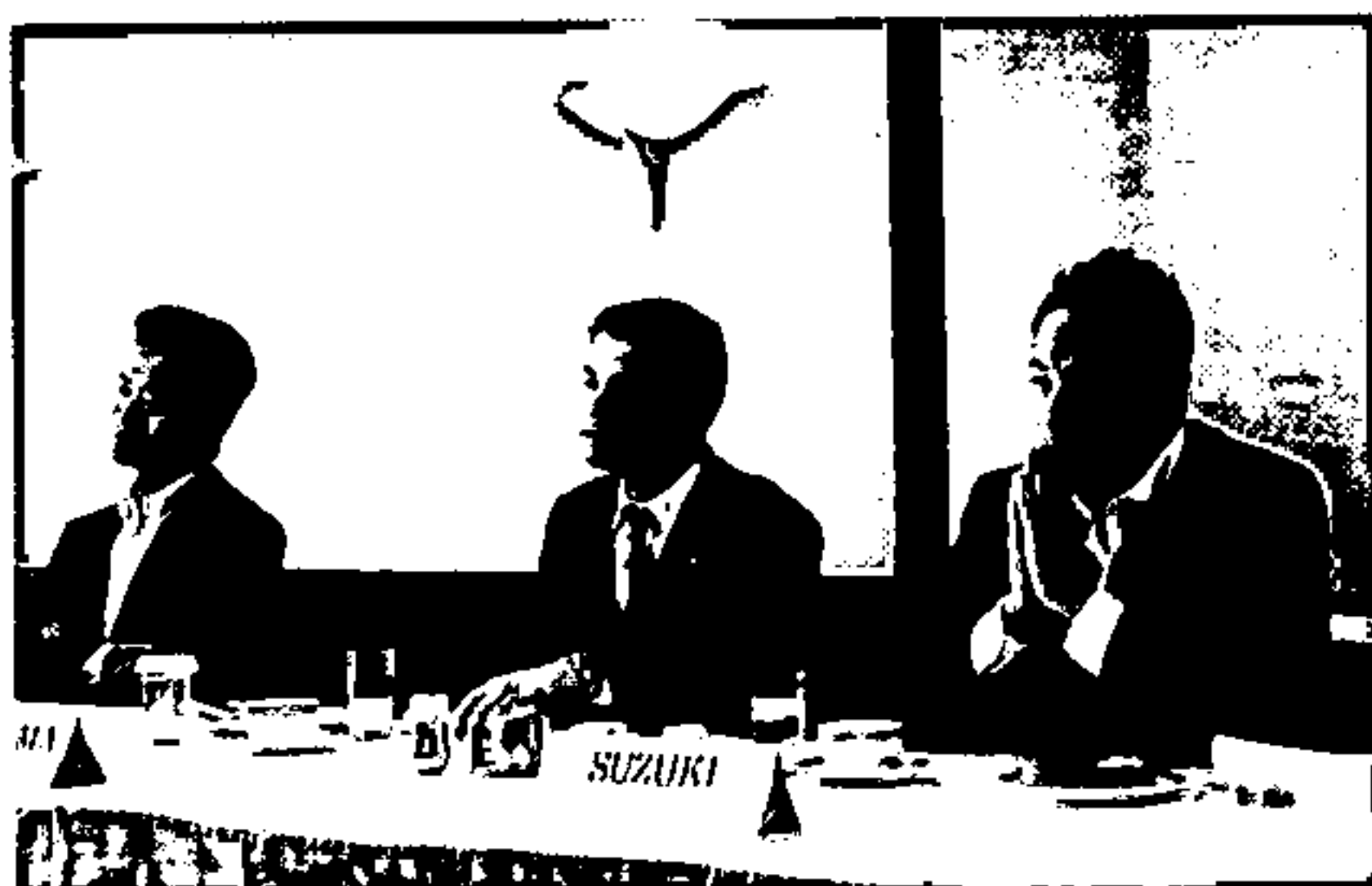
The 2017 delegation had deep expertise on trade and financial issues, and the US-Japan economic relationship became a central topic in many of their discussions. Prime Minister Abe expended significant political capital negotiating the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) with the United States and 10 other countries, and many of the leaders who met the group expressed dismay at President Trump's withdrawal from the deal. Several Diet members displayed limited enthusiasm about the subsequent US push for a new bilateral trade agreement with Japan, arguing that it would not be as helpful for either side as the TPP would have

### JCIE's US Congressional Staff Exchange Program at a Glance

- Over the past four decades, nearly **1,200 leaders** have taken part in JCIE's political exchange programs.
- Since its inception in 1982, a total of **183 senior legislative aides** have traveled to Japan on the US Congressional Staff Exchange Program.
- The 2016 delegation spoke with nearly **60 leaders, government official, and experts** covering a broad range of areas—including 15 sitting Diet members, a dozen current and former US and Japanese diplomats, Japanese business executives, Shinto priests, policy analysts, trade negotiators, local elected officials, university professors, nonprofit leaders, and former military leaders.
- They also spoke at a panel discussion in Tokyo to an audience of 80+ policy experts.
- Prior to their departure for Japan, delegation members were briefed on US-Japan relations by Mark Manyin (Congressional Research Service).
- The program is funded by the Japan-US Friendship Commission, a US federal agency.

been, and they revealed their hopes that if Japan and its other 10 partners proceed to launch the TPP without the United States, Washington might eventually return to the fold.

The issue of tax reform also featured prominently in the groups' discussions. Japan recently lowered its corporate tax rate and the participants discussed lessons that could be taken from Japan's experiences to implement a similar reforms in the United States in a revenue neutral manner. They explained how, for the Trump administration and the US Congress, the next legislative priority for this year is tax reform, once healthcare legislation comes to a vote.



Reps. Mitsunari Okamoto, Masahiko Shibayama, and Keisuke Suzuki in conversation with the staff delegation



Posing with former Defense Minister Itsunori Onodera

## The Trump Administration and Global Governance

President Trump announced his intent to withdraw the US from the Paris climate accord while the group was in Japan, and this further fueled concerns from the Japanese side about whether the United States is willing to project global leadership in the way it has in the past. While acknowledging that the Trump presidency marks a distinct departure with the past, delegation members stressed the point that American governmental institutions ensure a degree of continuity in foreign policy. The discussion of US politics took center stage in a public seminar where the Congressional staff shared their thoughts on the Congressional agenda and the Trump administration's policy approaches with more than 80 policy experts. Delegation members from both parties surprised the attendees by explaining how much bipartisan agreement and cooperation there actually is behind the scenes in Washington, especially in the halls of Congress, on a wide range of domestic and foreign policy issues, even though the media tends to paint a picture of constant conflict.

## Lessons from Hiroshima

In a two-day visit to Hiroshima, delegation members spoke with local leaders about their views of



*Prof. Gerald Curtis opens a public seminar with the delegates as speakers*

US-Japan relations and, in one remarkable encounter, they heard from an atom bomb survivor, Keiko Ogura, about how she managed to overcome that harrowing experience. The firsthand account of the human toll of nuclear weapons struck a particular chord after a week of policy discussions on North Korea's nuclear program, and the example of how Ogura has devoted her life to sharing the lessons from Hiroshima with Americans and others around the world demonstrated how much progress has been made in bridging the gulf that once divided Japan and the United States.



*Laying a wreath to honor the Japanese, Koreans, and US POWs who died in Hiroshima*



*Miyajima priest explains how portions of Itsukushima Shrine, a World Heritage Site, are being rebuilt*



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